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TAGS: MARR, SEATO

SUBJECT: SEATO EXERCISE SEA FOX - FEB. 27-MARCH 13, 1975

REF: BANGKOK 20177 NOTAL

1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST RECEIVED SCENARIO FOR SEATO EXERCISE "SEA FOX" TO BE CONDUCTED IN "THE WATERS OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA CONTIGUOUS TO THE MANILA/SUBIC BAY AREA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM 27 FEBRUARY TO 13 MARCH 1975". (REFTEL)

2. DEPT HAD PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD EXERCISE WOULD TAKE PLACE OFF SUBIC BAY IN SOUTH CHINA SEA. SEATO DOCUMENT SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO PLANNED FOR MANILA BAY AND MANILA HARBOR.

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3. SEATO SCENARIO INCLUDES FOLLOWING: (A) SURFACE UNITS

(SHIPS) WILL ASSEMBLE IN MANILA; AIR UNITS WILL ASSEMBLE AT CUBI POINT AND BASA. (B) EXERCISE HEADQUARTERS FOR "READY FORCE" WILL BE MANILA UNTIL EMBARKING IN USS BLUE RIDGE ABOUT 26 FEBRUARY 1975. (C) PORTS AND AIR FIELDS TO BE USED WILL BE: MANILA AND MANILA BAY; USNAS CUBI POINT; BASA AB; RAF TENGAH SINGAPORE. SEA AREAS WILL BE MANILA BAY AND SOUTH CHINA SEA WITHIN A RADIUS OF 180 MILES OF SUBIC BAY. (D) TYPE OF EXERCISE IS LISTED AS

MARITIME CONVOY EXERCISE AND ANTI-INFILTRATION EXERCISE. IN ADDITION TO SOUTH CHINA SEA ACTIVITIES, THIS WILL INCLUDE 2 DAYS OF EXERCISES "IN HARBOR" (WHICH UNCLEAR) PLUS 6 DAYS AT SEA. OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE "MINE COUNTER-MEASURE EXERCISE" IN MANILA BAY INVOLVING MINE LAYING BY AIR AND SURFACE UNITS AND MINESWEEPING OPERATIONS FOLLOWED BY MINE RETRIEVAL; AND "INFILTRATION EXERCISE" TO DEVELOP AND TEST PROCEDURES FOR COUNTERING INFILTRATION BY VARIOUS PATROL CRAFT. (E) WAR GAME SCENARIO TALKS OF ENEMY INFILTRATION OF ARMS TO IN-COUNTRY FORCES IN REMOTE COASTAL AREAS AND SAYS QUOTE "THE SCUTTLE OF AN UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT OFF THE COAST OF 'BLUELAND' BY HER OWN CREW WHEN PURSUED BY 'BLUE' PATROL CRAFT TENDS TO SUPPORT THIS THEORY." ENDQUOTE.

4. UNDER "PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS" SEATO DOCUMENT, WHILE STATING PUBLICITY POLICY WILL BE "LOW KEY", CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL INFORMATION OFFICE IN MANILA FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES WITH PRESS AND TV MEDIA, INCLUDING PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCOMPANY EXERCISES.

5. FOR MANILA: DEPT IS IN PROCESS OF RECHECKING EXERCISE WITH DOD INCLUDING EXTENT OF USG PARTICIPATION. WOULD APPRECIATE MANILA COMMENTS PARTICULARLY REGARDING ADVISABILITY OF CONDUCTING EXERCISES IN MANILA BAY.

6. FOR BANGKOK: DOCUMENT MENTIONS "MILITARY CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS" BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE FURTHER INFORMATION. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN SUPPLY ON NATURE AND EXTENT OF ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY CONFIDENTIAL

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BE CONTEMPLATED IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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